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Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

As requested I am reporting a list of the more important pieces of evidence in the Lee Harvey Oswald case charged with shooting President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 at about 12:35 pm near the underpass.

1. From a search of the Texas School Book Depository building on the 6th floor a 6.5 caliber Carcano carbine rifle # C 2766, mounted with a 0-10 Japanese scope. This rifle was found partially hidden under some boxes near the back stairway.

2. Near a front window at the southeast corner of the building on the same floor were three spent cartridge cases, 6.5 in caliber. These were protected for pictures and prints, and after this was done it was found that the rifle contained one loaded cartridge in the chamber.

3. Lt. Ray of the Crime Lab was able to get a palm print from one of the boxes under this window which proved to be Lee Harvey Oswald's print. A thumb print was also found at this same location.

4. The Crime Lab was able to get a palm print from the underside of the gun barrel near the end of the foregrip, and a partial print was lifted from the trigger housing of the rifle.

5. One large piece of brown wrapping paper fitting the description of one used by Oswald in bringing a large package to work on the morning of the murder. We later found that Ruell Wesley Frazier, 2439 W. 5th Street, Irving, Texas had given Oswald a ride to work on the morning of the killing, and both he and his sister, Linnie Mae Fandle, saw Oswald put a long package wrapped in a heavy brown paper in the back seat of the car. After arriving at work, Wesley Frazier saw Oswald take this package and take it with him into the building. This paper was shaped like a crude bag, large enough to carry this rifle. This was also found on the 6th floor.

6. While we were still searching the building, Mr. Roy S. Truly, 4932 Jade Drive, reported to us that one of his men was missing, a Lee Harvey Oswald, whose address was 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving, Texas. We also found that this man had been stopped by Officer M. L. Baker while coming down the stairs. Mr. Baker says that he stopped this man on the third or fourth floor on the stairway, but as Mr. Truly identified him as one of the employees, he was released. After seeing that this man was apparently running, two of the detectives and myself left the building and came to the office for an identification check and other information, and soon found that he was the same man who had shot Officer Tippit.

7. A bullet taken from the stretcher used to carry the Governor into the hospital and fragments of a bullet taken from Governor Connally's body were turned over to the F. B. I. who made an examination and, as shown in our report from there, these were fired from this same rifle.

8. One sport shirt that Oswald was wearing at the time of his arrest was sent to the F. B. I. Crime Lab along with a blanket that Mrs. Lee Oswald said the gun had been wrapped in while being kept in the garage at the home of Mrs. Ruth Paine in Irving. The F. B. I. examination shows that parts of each of these materials could have been the ones that they recovered from the gun.

9. Mrs. Harvey Lee Oswald identified the rifle as resembling the one she had seen in the garage in Irving.

10. During the search of the garage at Mrs. Paine's home in Irving where Oswald had stored some of his possessions, officers recovered two pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald posing with a gun that looked identical to the gun found and wearing a pistol resembling the pistol used to kill Officer Tippit. We were able to find by checking Oswald's former addresses where this picture was made in a back yard at 214 W. Nealey.

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11. In the same garage officers found two advertisements clipped from some magazine showing this same type gun offered for sale by Kleins of Chicago.

12. In Oswald's purse was found an identification card and a registration card bearing the name of Alex Hidell.

13. Postal Inspectors gave us information that at one time a box had been rented in the name of Alex Hidell. The handwriting on this application was identified as that of Oswald. It was ascertained that the gun was shipped by Kleins of Chicago to this box. Postal Inspectors were also able to find the money order itself used to pay for the gun. This information is not complete in our files, as we are waiting for some information from one of the Postal Inspectors who is ill at this time.

14. In Oswald's billfold was identification identifying him as a member of the Fair Play for Cuba organization. He told me that he was at one time secretary of the New Orleans branch and that the headquarters of this organization was in New York.

15. We found letters showing that Oswald had been corresponding with Arnold Johnson and V. T. Lee. Photostats of these are attached.

16. Oswald had in his possession a notabook containing the names of Russian friends, telephone number and part of General Walker's name, F. B. I. Agent William Hosty's name and license number of his car. This is the agent who had been checking Oswald and his wife.

17. A bus transfer was found in Oswald's pocket and identified by the bus driver who carried Oswald a short distance after the killing.

18. Oswald was positively identified by a cab driver, William Whaley, as the man he picked up near the Grayhound bus station, which is where Oswald left the bus, and took him to the 500 block N. Beckley near where Oswald had a room.

19. In search of Oswald's room at 1026 N. Beckley a map of the City of Dallas was found with markings on it, one of which looked to be the scene of the shooting. There was also what looked to be communistic literature.

20. Oswald was carrying, at the time of his arrest in the Texas Theater, a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver, serial # 510210. This is the same caliber gun Officer Tippit was shot with when he stopped Oswald.

21. Two empty .38 cartridge cases were found by Barbara Jeanette Davis and Virginia Davis in front of their home, 400 E. Tenth Street, where they had seen Oswald throw them as he was reloading his gun. Four bullets were recovered from Officer Tippit's body and were of the same caliber as the gun Oswald was arrested with.

22. Helen Markham, 328 E. Ninth Street, saw Oswald shoot Officer Tippit and positively identified him in a lineup. Officer Tippit was shot at 1:18 pm on November 22, 1963 in front of 400 E. Tenth Street. Several other witnesses identified him as the man seen running from the scene and toward the theater. W. W. Scoggins of 3138 Alaska saw Oswald shoot Officer Tippit and identified him in a lineup.

23. We have from forty to fifty affidavits to substantiate all of this evidence.

The complaint was filed on Lee Harvey Oswald for the Tippit murder at 7:05 pm on November 22, 1963. After reviewing the evidence with District Attorney Henry Wade and his assistant, Bill Alexander, and Jim Allen, former prosecutor, I filed a complaint on Oswald for the killing of President John F. Kennedy at 11:26 pm, November 22, 1963.

As you know, this is a hurried list of the evidence and not by any means a complete report. All of this evidence was released almost immediately to the F. B. I. and, of course, has not been available to us for study. We are, however, studying photographs and checking all information that we are able to obtain on these two

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offenses and will be able in the future to give a complete report.

Respectfully submitted,

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